Financial Assistance to SC communities in A.P.

2359. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of financial assistance provided by the National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation for undertaking income generating activities and imparting training to the Scheduled Caste communities in Andhra Pradesh for entrepreneurial development;

(b) the extent to which the objectives have been achieved as a result thereof during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the amount of such assistance to the State in view of the increased cost of raw materials and increased population of Scheduled Caste communities in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) The financial assistance provided by the National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:

Income Generating Schemes

Year	Allocation	Release (Rs. in crores)	Beneficiaries (Nos)
2000-01	10.13	21.31	11037
2001-02	11.86	23.17	25300
2002-03	13.95	39.09	38328

NSFDC has been sanctioned 13 Skill/Entrepreneurial Training Programmes in Andhra Pradesh to cover 257 beneficiaries and incur the amount of Rs. 36.08 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir. NSFDC's releases to Andhra Pradesh increased during the last three years.